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# Crop Progress & Condition Report



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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 4.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, May 23, 2010**. Scattered showers fell over the state of Mississippi this past week and delayed plantings. Those crops already in the ground are responding well to the precipitation and the warm weather. Respondents indicate that the major planting for most crops will finish within a week, weather permitting. Soil moisture was rated 7 percent short, 75 percent adequate and 18 percent surplus.

Crop progress for week ending May 23, 2010

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, planted	100	100	100	100
Corn, emerged	99	98	99	99
Cotton, planted	84	77	60	81
Cotton, emerged	67	47	48	64
Hay-Cool Season, harvested	80	77	69	74
Peanuts, planted	40	31	48	54
Rice, planted	97	96	88	95
Rice, emerged	85	83	77	89
Sorghum, planted	87	82	69	88
Sorghum, emerged	80	75	50	78
Soybeans, planted	90	85	79	90
Soybeans, emerged	79	71	72	83
Sweet Potatoes, planted	2	--	0	5
Watermelons, planted	98	96	99	97
Winter Wheat, heading	100	99	100	100
Winter Wheat, mature	36	9	41	45

Crop condition for week ending May 23, 2010

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Blueberries	0	1	5	90	4
Corn	0	4	15	55	26
Cotton	0	2	40	43	15
Livestock	3	7	26	53	11
Pasture	2	12	29	44	13
Rice	0	1	22	58	19
Sorghum	0	0	45	41	14
Soybeans	0	4	22	56	18
Watermelons	0	0	31	56	13
Winter Wheat	0	3	19	62	16

## Comments

“Cotton planting wrapped up last weekend. Soybeans are being finished with a few acres still to go. We received from 0.25 to 1.5 inches of rain by Friday noon, so we will be stopped in areas until midweek.”

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“Rain fell in different amounts during the week, so it is wet in most of the county. Crops are responding well to warm temperatures and moisture.”

— Tommy Baird, Sunflower

“Farmers made good progress in getting crops planted, fertilized, and treated for weeds during the past two weeks. Scattered rains have affected some localities; however, the crop is progressing well.”

— Ernest Flint, Attala

“This past week, a lot of ryegrass hay was put on the ground and most of it was baled without rain. We have had regular showers lately and some areas need sunshine without rain.”

— Houston Therrell, Rankin

“Producers have been side dressing nitrogen fertilizer the last few weeks, and overall the emerged crops look good. Clay County has received adequate rainfall, and only a few low lying areas have needed to be replanted in the last few weeks.”

— Reid Nevins, Clay

“Rain late last week has helped reduce our moisture deficit, but fieldwork will be delayed for a few days. Planted crops and pastures are looking real good.”

— Chuck Grantham, Forrest

“Crops look very good, and frequent rains have been helpful, but some weed problems exist.”  
— Charlie Bush, Bolivar

“Growers are almost finished planting. Wheat is turning, but it is still a couple of weeks away from harvest. Farmers are putting out fertilizer and killing weeds.”  
— Don Respass, Coahoma

“Some areas of the county are still wet from the heavy rains last weekend, and we still have some rice and soybeans to plant.”  
— Don Respass, Quitman

“Wet field conditions delayed soybean and cotton planting.”  
— Jay Phelps, Pontotoc

“Rains during the week have slowed fieldwork in most of the county.”  
— Lester Stephens, Washington

“Much needed rain was received throughout the week. All crops are growing well, and livestock are in good condition. One hundred percent of cool season hay will be harvested this week. The remainder of peanuts and soybeans will be planted this week.”  
— Allen McReynolds, Wayne

Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending May 23, 2010									
Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation			
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks
<b>Upper Delta</b>									
Clarksdale	89	57	73	73	0	0.66	-0.52	3	4.06
Cleveland	92	57	73	73		0.33	-0.93	3	2.70
Lambert 1W	93	55	74			0.21	-1.12	2	5.82
Tunica 2N	91	56	73	72	1	0.24	-1.03	2	1.91
Extreme/Average	93	55	73	72	1	0.36	-0.86	3	3.62
<b>North-Central</b>									
Batesville 2SW	91	54	72	70	2	0.42	-0.84	2	9.29
Calhoun City	90	53	72	70	2	2.01	0.82	3	5.67
Hickory Flat	90	47	69	69		1.11	-0.15	3	7.35
Holly Springs 4N	90	47	71	68	3	0.64	-0.62	4	9.01
Independence	89	50	70	69	1	0.31	-0.95	4	7.91
Oxford	91	51	71	70	1	3.99	2.70	5	9.00
Water Valley	89	52	71	70	1	1.20	-0.06	2	6.37
Extreme/Average	91	47	71	70	1	1.38	0.12	3	7.80
<b>Northeast</b>									
Booneville	86	49	67	69	-2	1.59	0.15	3	9.73
Corinth 7SW	87	51	69	71	-2	1.66	0.35	3	13.10
Tupelo 2	85	54	70			0.47	0.00	2	6.14
Pontotoc Exp Stn	89	52	70	71	-1	3.87	2.68	3	8.38
Verona	90	53	71	71		4.81	3.76	3	8.41
Extreme/Average	90	49	69	70	-1	2.48	1.15	3	9.15
<b>Lower Delta</b>									
Belzoni	90	58	74	73	1	1.55	0.15	3	5.15
Moorhead	90	56	74	73	1	0.77	-0.40	3	4.28
Rolling Fork	92	60	76	73	3	1.06	-0.12	5	2.98
Yazoo City	94	61	77	73	4	1.15	-0.09	4	3.00
Extreme/Average	94	56	75	74	1	1.13	-0.12	4	4.14
<b>Central</b>									
Canton 4N	90	58	75	73	2	0.46	-0.81	2	2.34
Eupora 2E	90	50	70	70	0	1.95	0.78	2	7.94
Forest 3S	90	60	74	72	2	1.81	0.76	3	4.33
Winona 5E	88	51	71	68	3	1.02	-0.10	3	7.51
Extreme/Average	90	50	73	72	1	1.31	0.16	3	3.34
<b>East-Central</b>									
Aberdeen	89	54	72	70	2	3.48	2.26	4	5.55
Columbus	93	53	74	72	2	0.96	0.05	2	4.87
Macon	88	48	69	71	-2	3.68	2.70	3	4.40
State University	91	58	73	71	2	2.69	1.62	3	5.82
Extreme/Average	93	48	72	72		2.70	1.57	3	5.41
<b>Southwest</b>									
Brookhaven City	89	64	76	72	4	1.19	-0.00	4	2.62
Crystal Springs	90	60	76	73	3	0.34	-0.72	4	0.99
Natchez	91	63	77	74	3	0.35	-0.86	3	1.88
Oakley Exp	85	59	73	73	0	0.98	-0.07	2	3.05
Port Gibson 1NE	92	62	76	72	4	0.59	-0.67	4	1.92
Vicksburg	91	63	77			0.98	0.00	3	2.78
Extreme/Average	92	59	76	73	3	0.74	-0.45	3	1.89
<b>South-Central</b>									
Collins	90	61	75	72	3	1.75	0.44	3	2.85
Columbia	91	64	78	74	4	0.77	-0.49	3	3.75
Monticello	94	64	79	73	6	0.75	-0.60	3	0.78
Raleigh 6N	90	59	76			1.70	0.00	3	3.98
Extreme/Average	94	59	77	73	4	1.24	-0.02	3	2.84
<b>Southeast</b>									
Hattiesburg	92	62	76	74	2	1.15	-0.03	6	2.64
Newton Exp	90	61	74	71	3	2.92	2.04	3	4.93
Waynesboro 2W	91	65	77	72	5	3.34	2.19	3	5.12
Extreme/Average	92	61	76	73	3	2.47	1.38	4	4.23
<b>Coastal</b>									
Biloxi	87	64	79	75	4	0.13	-1.11	2	9.46
Wiggins	92	60	76	74	2	0.38	-0.80	1	2.87
Extreme/Average	92	60	78	75	3	0.26	-1.07	2	9.46
<b>State</b>	94	47	74	72	2	1.47	0.27	3	4.90